

Investment in Form, Fill and Seal (FFS) Equipment



Project Implementation

During 2007 Glenisk invested in 'form fill and seal (FFS)' machinery to produce small yogurt pots on-site at their factory in Co. Offaly. This allowed for the removal of a large amount of input packaging from pre-formed pots. Instead, the pot material is now delivered in reels.

Benefits of the Project

Approx 1,000 tonnes (33% of total) of all Glenisk yoghurts now produced on this line per annum.

- Glenisk estimate one delivery of plastic reels is equivalent to 7 deliveries of preformed pots
- Reduction in the unit cost of packaging
- Reduction in transportation and storage costs
- Less waste
- More control over production variables
- A quicker turnaround time to meet production requirements

Issues Encountered

This equipment cost more than €650,000 to install and Glenisk are forecasting a 5 year payback period. Glenisk are currently adapting the machinery to form PET and recycled PET pots instead of PS pots, as PET is seen as being a more recyclable material.

Further Information

For further information on this project please contact Mark Cleary in Glenisk.

Alternatively visit their website at www.glenisk.com.



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